

Of Interest to Every Woman

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APOLOGY FOR WINTER

Now why should not the winter rave
And bluster in this windy way
And harrow with drifts the pave
And rouse to turmoil all the day?

He hath been monarch of the zone,
And ruled with icy pride elite,
And now before the spring his throne
And powers he must abdicate!



The Great Trials of History

Trial of Earl Ferrers.

Ferrers was the name of a great Norman-English feudal house, which dated from the time of William, the Conqueror. The Earls of Ferrers seem to have been a bloodthirsty lot, and were distinguished for their unprovoked attacks upon the nobles of the realm. Ferrers, for from an early age his behavior seems to have been eccentric and his temper violent. His wife was compelled to secure a separation from him for cruelty in 1758.

From his youth there was employed in the earl's family a man by the name of Johnson. The man had always

faithfully performed his duty, and was apparently satisfactory to the earl. On Sunday, January 15, 1766, His Lordship called on Mr. Johnson at his house, and requested him to come to his country seat at Stanton on the Friday following, between 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

In the interval the earl took care that the house should be as empty as possible. Mr. Johnson was punctual in his arrival, and was let in by one of the maids. After waiting for some time His Lordship called him into his apartment, immediately locked the door, and after some business conversation, shot him with a pistol, of which wound he afterwards died.

As soon as His Lordship had committed this cruel deed, he called the children, and ordered them to lead Mr. Johnson upstairs and put him to bed. He also sent a servant for a surgeon and another for Mr. Johnson's children. When the surgeon arrived the earl desired him to take all possible care of him, but would not consent to his being removed to his own house.

The surgeon found that the wound was mortal, and Johnson died the following morning at 3 o'clock. The earl was seized, after which he was conveyed to Leicester jail, and from thence to the Tower of London, where he was tried by the peers, found guilty of murder and ordered to be executed on May 5.

Ferrers conducted his own defense with great ability. The plea was insanity, and was supported by considerable evidence. After he had been condemned he stated that he had planned insanity to oblige his family, and that he had himself always been advanced of such defense.

With respect to the death of Mr. Johnson, His Lordship said he was under peculiar circumstances, and had met with so many crosses and vexations that he became weary of life, and he had resolved to take his own life, and he had resolved to take his own life, and he had resolved to take his own life.

During the time His Lordship was in the Tower he was, for the most part, calm, but sometimes started, and he had been waiting for him, and he had been waiting for him, and he had been waiting for him.

A few days before the time set for his execution, the earl sent for his wardrobe, and chose out of it a white suit, richly laced and embroidered with silver, saying: "This is the suit in which I was married, and in which I wish to die."

On the 5th of May, 1766, the day fixed for his execution at 9 o'clock in the morning the two sheriffs of London, attended by their officers, appeared at the Tower gate. The earl desired to go to his death in his own kind, and was waiting for him, and he had been waiting for him, and he had been waiting for him.

This was granted Ferrers, and the procession then began and proceeded through a numerous crowd of spectators on the way to Tyburn. In their passage His Lordship asked the sheriff if he had ever seen so great a concourse of people, and upon his answering in the negative, he rejoined: "I suppose it is because they never saw a lord hanged before."

The passage from the Tower to Tyburn took up almost three hours, and the earl frequently expressed his desire that the journey was ended. His Lordship walked up the stairs of the scaffold with great composure and fortitude, with his hat in his hand.

It has been said that as a concession to his order, the rope with which he was hanged was made of silk. The spectators, struck by the novelty of seeing a peer of Great Britain in such a situation, looked on with great interest, and that alackie toothbrushes were therefore, not especially valuable. But whatever the claim of this statement, it is quite true that water and brushing the hair is the best way to insure the future strength of a child's teeth.

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SUNDAY MENU

Orange Juice	Puffed Wheat
Pork Chops	Butter Bread.
Coffee	
Dinner.	
Cream of Celery Soup	Olives
Roast Turkey	Cranberry Sauce
Green Peas	Mashed Potatoes
Spinach with Egg	
Fruit Salad	
Ice Cream	Fruit Cake
Coffee	
Supper.	
Fried Oysters	Potato Salad
Hot Biscuits	Jam
Tea	

THE CARE OF CHILDREN'S TEETH

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HOW WE TRY TO GET AWAY FROM THE PRESENT

We moderns are not living in the present. To be sure, we live ourselves on our modernity, but we are not living in the present.

Look at our clothes. They are modern, we say. But where do we get our inspiration for them? Out of the East, the stronghold of tradition; from Russia, overthrown by the past; from Mexico, modern enough, perhaps, to suit the statesmen, but as ancient as the hills so far as custom and habit are concerned. Perennially, the Grecian influence is felt in the way we arrange our hair. And whence but Greece do we get our fondness for the cameo? The cameo is a revival of the past, and so are fashions and delectable frocks in the day.

So much for our clothes. Look at our entertainments. To be sure, the modern play is the rule this winter. There are a few that depict Oriental life in historic times and there are a very few historical plays.

But our dinners and dances! The Mexican dance at which all the guests appear in Mexican costumes—the dance of our East, where Persian princesses and Turkish shahs dance with lady ladies of Japan and Arab wanderers of the deserts—the Colonial ball, where the contemporaries of George and Martha Washington appear in gay costume—these are a few among the many costume dances. And the costume dinner in one form or another, or the period dinner, is an accepted diversion.

Our houses, too, are fit settings for our clothes and our entertainments. There are mission bungalows for the summer and Swiss chalets. Our drawing-rooms are furnished in the style of the French kings, and so are our bedrooms and boudoirs. We have tufted sofas and dining-rooms. Some of us live in real or imitation Colonial houses, furnished with antique Colonial furniture.

What is it about us that makes us a most modern world, striving ever for change and excitement, looking to the future with straining eyes, clinging so strongly to the past? Even the tongue is not new, and golf comes to us with a heritage of generations. The answer to this question, though hard to find, ought to be interesting.

A NOVEL SASH EFFECT

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AMBASSADOR GERARD IN MOURNING ATTIR

Death of Princess Remotely Related to Emperor Cause of Official Woe.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.

THE American ambassador at Berlin and Mrs. James W. Gerard were obliged to recall their invitations to a dinner dance at the embassy the other day, and to don mourning for a fortnight, owing to the death of Princess William of Baden, who, born as a Princess of Leuchtenberg, and a great-grandchild of Eugene Beauharnais (stepson of the first Napoleon), was only remotely related to the German Emperor and Empress.

If I call attention to this, it is because, although the present administration at Washington does not permit its ambassadors to conform to the rules at foreign courts as to wearing uniforms on official occasions, these envoys, and their wives as well, are obliged to go into mourning whenever the latter is ordered by the court to which they are accredited, no matter how unknown the deceased may have been to the United States government.

The sovereign's commands in the matter extend not only to the foreign ambassadors at his court, and to the ambassadors, but also to the secretaries and attaches of the mission, to their wives, and even to the servants, male and female, of the embassy.

The directions given are of the most peremptory and explicit description, prescribing the color of the gloves, the dresses, of the coats, and of the stockings, the liveries of the domestics, and the upholstery of the apartments of the embassy, while some of the smaller German courts, to which Ambassadors Gerard is likewise accredited, have where official etiquette's rule remains particularly strict, even black underclothes are exacted, as a token of official woe on the occasion of court mourning.

This is no mere exaggeration or flight of imagination. For when foolish old Prince Maurice of Saxe-Altenburg died some time ago, the Official Gazette of the duchy of Saxe-Meiningen, in decreeing court mourning for him, expressly insisted that black underclothes should be included in the list of woe. So that if any business of state were to call for the presence of Ambassador Gerard at Meiningen during one of these periods of court mourning, he would have to provide himself with black underclothes. It may be assumed that his wardrobe would be taken to the effect that his entire costume was "en regie," and that he would not be subjected to the indignity of a search, such as those which are occasionally insisted upon by the United States customs officials in the case of arrivals from abroad.

Colonel Sir Horace Beauchamp, who resembles a Major-General, Leonard Wood to such a degree that when he landed in New York the other day he was addressed both by the newspaper reporters and by the customs officers as "General Wood." He has a number of relatives in the United States, through his wife, Lady Beauchamp, who is the daughter of the late Henry M. Leavitt, of New York. He was one of Lord Kitchener's men in the Sudan, where he commanded the Twentieth Hussars, and also distinguished himself in the Boer War, where he won the Order of the Bath. He has no children, and the heir to his baronetcy is his brother, Montagu Beauchamp, a missionary at Sze-Chuan, in China.

Sir Horace inherited nothing but the baronetcy, his elder brother, the late Sir Reginald Beauchamp, having left his estates in Norfolkshire and all his property to his two married daughters. Sir Reginald's widow, a daughter of the fifth Earl of Roden, is now the wife of Hugh Watt, former member of Parliament for Glasgow, and her marriage to the latter was preceded by all sorts of most sensational episodes, which had the effect of finally transforming the attitude of hostility of English society toward her into one of sympathy.

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If I call attention to this, it is because, although the present administration at Washington does not permit its ambassadors to conform to the rules at foreign courts as to wearing uniforms on official occasions, these envoys, and their wives as well, are obliged to go into mourning whenever the latter is ordered by the court to which they are accredited, no matter how unknown the deceased may have been to the United States government.

The sovereign's commands in the matter extend not only to the foreign ambassadors at his court, and to the ambassadors, but also to the secretaries and attaches of the mission, to their wives, and even to the servants, male and female, of the embassy.

The directions given are of the most peremptory and explicit description, prescribing the color of the gloves, the dresses, of the coats, and of the stockings, the liveries of the domestics, and the upholstery of the apartments of the embassy, while some of the smaller German courts, to which Ambassadors Gerard is likewise accredited, have where official etiquette's rule remains particularly strict, even black underclothes are exacted, as a token of official woe on the occasion of court mourning.

This is no mere exaggeration or flight of imagination. For when foolish old Prince Maurice of Saxe-Altenburg died some time ago, the Official Gazette of the duchy of Saxe-Meiningen, in decreeing court mourning for him, expressly insisted that black underclothes should be included in the list of woe. So that if any business of state were to call for the presence of Ambassador Gerard at Meiningen during one of these periods of court mourning, he would have to provide himself with black underclothes. It may be assumed that his wardrobe would be taken to the effect that his entire costume was "en regie," and that he would not be subjected to the indignity of a search, such as those which are occasionally insisted upon by the United States customs officials in the case of arrivals from abroad.

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